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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In the Application of :  
German VERGARA LOPEZ : Confirmation No.: 3442  
Serial No.: 10/709,443 : Art Unit: 1731  
Filing Date: May 5, 2004 :  
For: **Retention and Drainage System for the Manufacturing of Paper**

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT PURSUANT TO 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97  
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In accordance with 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97, and 1.98, Applicant requests the Examiner to make of record the documents listed on the attached PTO/SB/08 form. In accordance with MPEP 609, the Examiner is requested to initial each document listed on the attached PTO/SB/08 form in the space provided, make a copy of the initialed form, and return the copy to Applicant's attorney.

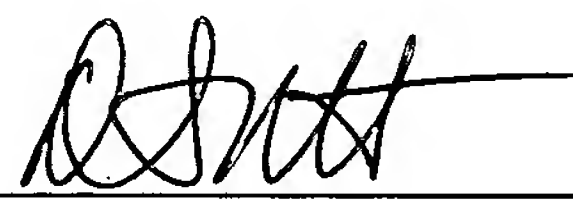
Some of the documents listed on the attached PTO/SB/08 form came to Applicant's attorney's attention as a result of a European Search Report (copy enclosed) for the European patent application corresponding to the above application. WO 99/63159 listed in the enclosed European Search Report is in the same patent family as U.S. Application Numbers 2003/150,575A1 and 2004/040,683A1 listed in the enclosed European Search Report. The relevance of the listed documents to the claims of the corresponding European patent application is indicated at pages 1 and 2 of the enclosed European Search Report.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no closer art exists and does not constitute an admission that each or all of the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art." If the Examiner applies any of the documents as prior art against any claim in the application and Applicant determines that the cited documents do not constitute "prior art" under United States law, Applicant reserves the right to present to the office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents.

Applicant further reserves the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should one or more of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

This paper and the enclosed documents are being submitted in accordance with 37 CFR 1.97(b), i.e., within three (3) months of the application filing date or prior to a first Office Action on the merits. Therefore, no fee is believed to be due.

Respectfully submitted,  
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